GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1035
ANSWERED ON:05.03.2008
WITHDRAWAL OF FDC DRUGS
Aaron Rashid Shri J.M.;Mishra Dr. Rajesh Kumar;Panda Shri Prabodh

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has directed those companies, which were manufacturing Fixed Dose Combination (FDC) drugs, to phase out the production of FDC drugs; and

(b) if so, the details of such drugs withdrawn from the market till December 31, 2007 alongwith the names of the manufacturers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) The Drugs Controller General of India had issued directions under Section-33(P) of Drugs and Cosmetics Act in November, 2007 to Drugs Controllers of all States/Uion Territories to suspend the manufacturing licenses granted for FDCs under question. However, in January 2008, the Drug Manufacturers & their Associations had filed Writ Petitions No. 34777-34781/2007, 35354/07, 35844/07 and 36369/07 in the Hon'ble High Court of Madras at Chennai , and the matter is sub judice.